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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NOVEMBER 19, 2002 OFFICE ACTION AND  
PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the November 19, 2002 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified patent application. A response to the November 19, 2002 Office Action was originally due February 19, 2003. Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time for responding. The fee for a one-month extension is fifty-five dollars (\$55.00). A check for \$235.00 is enclosed herewith. The \$235.00 sum includes the fee for a one-month extension of time and the fee for filing an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Thus, a response to the November 19, 2002 Office Action is now due March 19, 2003, and accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

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